THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATIJAYAWANTIMEHTA) : (a) and (b) Dhansiri Hydro Electric Project (20 MW) being executed by Assam Electricity Board in Assam and Loktak Downstream Hydroelectric Project (90 MW) being executed by the National hydro-electric power Corporation in Manipur are being held up due to law and order problems and adverse security environment. In addition, Tipaimukh Hydro Electric Project (1500 MW) in Manipur on which detailed investigation and pre-construction activities are proposed to be taken up by the North East Electric Power Corporation is facing opposition from a section of the local people apart from the adverse security environment in the area.

(c) and (d) Power to be generated by all new projects in the North Eastern Region will first meet the requirement of the region and only surplus power will be exported outside the region.

Public issue by NTPC to raise resources

140. SHRIYADLAPATIVENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation is plannig to enter the capital narket with a public issue to raise resources for meeting its target capacity;

(b) if so, the size of public issue;

(c) by when it is likely to open for public subscription; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (d) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has decided to explore the possibility of entering capital market with a public issue of equity.